



## Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN members

**LCDC Meeting Date: 25th May 2022**

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to LCDC members	Date for dissemination
<b>Representation</b>	Sinead Ronan replaced Mairead Hennessy as the Co. Kildare Chamber of Commerce LCDC representative. Sinead is the Chamber's full time Public Affairs Manager.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Community Response Forum</b>	The Ukranian Community Response Forum is established and has met twice. Kildare County Council launched a new online information portal for Ukranian citizens arriving to Kildare. This portal provides a singular point of access to information on essential services at local and national level as well as useful links and contacts to help citizens navigate services available to them. Information on housing, transport, education, and health, amongst other services are available on the new portal to assist and support Ukrainian citizens to integrate into life here in County Kildare.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Communities Activities Funding 2022</b>	All applicants who applied for funding under the Community Activities Fund have been notified of the LCDC decision. Successful applicants will receive their funding in the coming weeks. Discussion is taking place with the Department in relation to the funding for running costs that were unallocated.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Youth Mental Health</b>	A meeting took place with the HSE in relation to progressing the Youth Mental Health report. While progress to implement the recommendations has occurred, securing resourcing for the longer term and implementing the remaining actions is a priority	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Perinatal Mental Health: Supporting new &amp; expectant mothers</b>	A series of activities took place to mark World Maternal Mental Health week from May 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> . Resources are available on <a href="http://www.parentingsupport.ie/mmh">www.parentingsupport.ie/mmh</a>	<b>Immediately</b>

<b>Celbridge Outdoor Teen Space</b>	In person consultation has commenced with young people in Celbridge to gather their views in relation to outdoor facilities in Celbridge. Widespread circulation of the survey and a link is taking place	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Domestic Violence and Abuse Network</b>	The network is proposing to develop a number of actions in 2022. A new post of TLCKidz co-ordinator has been recruited for Kildare West Wicklow. For further information please contact Niamh Booth <a href="mailto:niamhbooth@teachtearmainn.ie">niamhbooth@teachtearmainn.ie</a>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Planet Youth</b>	A scoping exercise is currently taking place by Maynooth University to explore the feasibility of a Planet Youth Model in Kildare.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Youth Employment Initiative</b>	A new initiative to support young people aged 16-21 years not in education, training or employment is established by In Sync with funding through KWETB. Further details are available from <a href="mailto:joyce.brennan@insync.ie">joyce.brennan@insync.ie</a> .	
<b>Newbridge Family Resource Centre</b>	Newbridge FRC are launching their 5-year strategic plan in Newbridge Town Hall on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June from 10-12am All are welcome.	
<b>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme</b>	Work is progressing within local communities and with individuals through the SICAP team and progress is on track. The SICAP Audit 2020 is complete and the findings were circulated to the LCDC. The Audit for 2021 will commence in Quarter 3.  For further information contact County Kildare LEADER Partnership 045 895450 or <a href="mailto:info@countykildarelp.ie">info@countykildarelp.ie</a>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Connected Hub – Osprey Business Centre</b>	There were five community groups/organisations recommended for office space in the Osprey Business centre. Work is continuing between the Osprey business centre and the groups to finalise details and clarify if their requirements.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Climate Proofing</b>	A short input was given by the PPN Environmental representative to progress the agreed action to inform how the LCDC can improve climate proofing its' work. In preparation for the LCDC, meetings took with the KCC Climate Action Co-ordinator. A short template, based on work of the Climate Action Co-ordinator has been adapted to help develop a framework to proof the work of the LCDC. This work is being compiled and will be presented for LCDC approval. Some aspects are relatively easy to implement e.g. grants can state that applications demonstrating positive actions to climate change are prioritised. Some are more long term e.g. LEADER, SICAP, Healthy Ireland. It was agreed that this work is important for the LCDC to prioritise.	

<b>Healthy Ireland</b>	<p>The Healthy Ireland Round 3 programme has concluded with the final returns submitted to Pobal. A short presentation took place outlining that all programmes funded were completed. This was very positive, especially as the programme ran during COVID 19. Over 5,500 people engaged in HI funded projects. A separate report is available. The HI Co-ordinator post was advertised as a three-year KCC post. It is expected that this recruitment process will conclude shortly.</p> <p>Details of the funding available and planning process for HI 4 are not yet available.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Slaintecare Healthy Communities</b>	<p>Work continues to roll out this programme with a number of HSE funded initiatives taking place. The Slaintecare Local Development Officer (Maria Healy) who commenced work in March continues to meet key personnel and is working closely with the HSE lead (Aine Buggy). A meeting took place on 30th May with HSE/Tusla to focus on the launch of the programme expected in the Autumn. Work is commencing on the Peoples Park Athy, which has received funding under Slaintecare Healthy Communities €250,000.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Local Economic and Community Plan Update</b>	<p>A series of national workshops on the LECP have taken place including a workshop on the Environment which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. The process for commencing the LECP in Kildare is delayed due to resourcing and competing priorities e.g. Ukrainian Crisis. This is also experienced in other LCDCs.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
	<p>Synergies between the LECP and County Development Plan are very strong. The draft county development plan closed for submissions last week and the LCDC Co-ordinator attended the community consultations held. These consultations and submissions will help prepare for the LECP.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Kildare Town Community School</b>	<p>A presentation was given by John Hayes Principal and Liz Urelle Career Guidance on a tailor-made programme introduced by Kildare Town Community School in 2021/2022 targeting second years. This programme engaged 40 young people to support their literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing. Data collated at the beginning and end of the programme highlighted significant results in supporting the young people involved. It was agreed that support for this programme should be sought at national level and that it is a very positive model to extend into other schools.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>

